

Hamartiology 101b – SIN: Our Lifelong Enemy (Part 3)

1. Why Does Sin Exist?

- God exists, and God is HOLY.*
- God cannot and will not approve, accept or ignore sin.*
- God must and will punish all sin.*

2. What Is Sin?

Sin, then, is anything that goes against

- God's commands, and*
- God's character*

3. What Does Sin Look Like?

- Violation of Action: What I DO*
- Violation of Word: What I SAY*
- Violation of Mind: What I THINK*
- Violation of Attitude: How I POSTURE My Mind*

4. Who Are Sinners? We ALL are sinners

5. Why Are We Sinners?

- S – Sinful Actions (from me – sins)*
- I – Imputed Guilt (from Adam – guilt)*
- N – Negative Bent (from my parents – sinfulness)*

6. Where Does Temptation to Sin Come From?

a. The Devil & His Demons – A HIGHER Enemy

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (cf. Eph 6:11-12)

b. The World – An OUTER Enemy

1 Jn 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (James 4:4 "friendship with the world is enmity with God"; 2 Tim 3:1-5)

c. The _____ – An _____ Enemy

Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

Mark 7:20-23 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

Rom 8:6-10 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. (cf. 11-13; 13:14)

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Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

7. How Does Temptation Work?

James 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

a. Being _____

1 Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

b. _____ Our Flesh (Desire)

Matt 5:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

c. _____ to Our Flesh (Desire)

Gen. 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (cf. 1 John 2:16)

8. What Does Sin Do?

a. Sin _____ and _____ Us

Heb. 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

b. Sin _____ Us

Prov. 5:22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man*, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

c. Sin _____ Us and Others

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

d. Sin _____ Us with Its Fruit

Gal 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9. How Does Sin End?

a. Sin Will Be _____

Num 32:23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

b. Sin Will Be _____ (Gal 5:19-21)

c. Sin Will Be _____

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.